(c) to (e) Special Central Assistance is given to the 20 Tribal Sub-Plan States/U.T. administrations, including North-Eastern States of Assam, Manipur and Tripura, to meet the gaps in the State Plans for the socio-economic development of Schduled Tribes under the Tribal Sub-Plan Strategy. Special Central Assistance is basically meant for family-oriented income generating schemes in sectors of agriculture, horticulture, minor irrigation, soil conservation, animal husbandry, forests, education, cooperatives, fisheries, village and small scale industries and minimum needs programme. A part of SCA is also permitted to be used for the development of infrastructure incidental to such income generating activities. Grants to 18 Tribal Sub-Plan and 4 tribal majority States are also provided under article 275(1) of the Constitution to meet the cost of such projects for tribal development as may be undertaken by the State Government for raising the level of administration of Scheduled Areas therein to that of the rest of the State. Besides, for the educational development of Scheduled tribes, the following schemes are being implemented :—

(i) Girls Hostels.

(ii) Boys Hostels.

(iii) Ashram Schools in TSP areas.

(iv) Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas.

Special Schemes for Adivasi Regions in M.P.

†3183. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the Adivasi regions and backward tribes of Madhya Pradesh for which fresh efforts are being made to bring them in the mainstream under a special scheme and by when the scheme will be executed ;

(b) whether separate packages have been made under this scheme apart from tribal projects for economic, social, employment oriented and educational development ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing the following Central and Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the development of Tribal Areas and upliftment of Tribals :—

1. Special Central Assistance to TSP
2. Grants under Article 275 (1)
3. Boys Hostels for STs
4. Girls Hostels for STs
5. Ashram Schools in TSP Areas
6. Grant in aid to Voluntary Organizations
7. Research and Training
8. Investment in TRIFED
9. Price Support Scheme to TRIFED
10. Grant in aid to State TDCCs
11. Educational Complex in Low Literacy pockets
12. Vocational Training Centre
13. Village Grain Bank Scheme
14. Development of PTGs

Policy in Regard to Posting/Transfer of Officers

3184 . SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has received reference from some Members of Parliament regarding adoption of sound management policy in regard to posting/transfer of Section Officers/Under Secretaries and Deputy Secretaries in the Secretariat and its attached offices : and

(b) if so, what are the comments about delay in action and lack of transparency in implementing the same ?